

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	\$	
Howlid et al.	\$	
Serial No.: 10/552,795	\$	Group Art Unit: 3663
Confirmation No.: 4505	\$	Examiner: Scott A. Hughes
Filed: July 13, 2006	\$	
For: ACTIVE STEERING FOR MARINE	\$	
SEISMIC SOURCES	\$	Atty Dkt.: 14.0228-PCT-US
	\$	(WGEC0075)
	\$	

Dear Examiner:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 10, 2009**

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 10, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 10, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

The excess claim fees have been paid via EFS Web. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3882/WGEC0075, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.